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Solar Power in South Mississippi

[JACKSON, MISS]- Members of the Mississippi Public Service Commission were in attendance for the Mississippi Power and Origis Energy Solar Project in Hattiesburg this past Friday.

Along with representatives from the Area Development Partnership and Lamar County Board of Supervisors, Public Service Commissioners Sam Britton of the Southern District and Cecil Brown of the Central District both shared words and ideas at the groundbreaking ceremony discussing the role of solar energy in Mississippi today and in the future.

Set to be the largest solar facility in Mississippi, Mississippi Power said the Lamar County project will include over 200,000 solar panels providing enough electricity to service around 8,000 homes in the area. With plans of being completed in early 2017, the project will also create approximately 100 jobs during its construction and will have a 25-year power purchase agreement with Mississippi Power. Throughout the power purchase agreement, Mississippi Power said the energy generated from the project will provide power at a steady price and will see no price variation seen with other fuel sources.

"Projects like this are always exciting when thinking about the potential growth of Mississippi and the variety of possibilities that are available now and those that will come in the future," said Southern District Commissioner Sam Britton. "As technology and materials evolve, we are presented with an exciting challenge to discover creative solutions to utilize solar power and other alternative forms of energy while at the same time carefully considering the cost effectiveness of each method and what potential benefits they can bring to the people of Mississippi."

PHOTO CUTLINE: Mississippi Public Service Commissioners join officials from Area Development Partnership and Lamar County Mississippi Power and Origis Energy Solar Project in Hattiesburg this past Friday. From Left to Right: Central District Public Service Commissioner Cecil Brown, Dale Lucus of the Lamar County Board of Supervisors, Southern District Public Service Commissioner Sam Britton, Johan Vanhee of Origis Energy, Johnny Atherton; VP of Corporate Services & Community Relations Mississippi Power, Chad Newell; President of Area Development Partnership.

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